

REMARKS

By this Preliminary Amendment applicant has cancelled claims 1-48 and added new claims 49-73. New claims 49-73 are supported by original claims 1-48 and have been redrafted to remove multiple dependencies, combine select dependent claims, and to otherwise place the claims in a more conventional format for prosecution in the United States. Applicant respectfully submits that the amendments to the claims do not introduce new matter, and entry thereof is respectfully requested.

Applicant notes that some confusion has occurred in the present application. The International application of which the present application is a US nationalization included claims 1-48 as published in US Publication No. 2007/0119209. At the time of nationalization into the US, rather than filing a preliminary amendment to amend the claims, the law firm then handling the application merely submitted a copy of the International application with an amended set of claims that only included claims 1-26. Concurrent with the original filing, the prior law firm only submitted payment for the twenty six total claims and four independent claims that were submitted with the copy of the International application. This fee was accepted as appropriate by the US Patent and Trademark Office.

To help clarify the above confusion, applicant has herein cancelled all of prior pending claims 1-48 and added new claims 49-73. The new claims include twenty five total claims and four independent claims. As such, the original filing fee covers the fee for all of the now pending claims.

In view of the foregoing, claims 49-73 are presented for the Examiner's consideration on the merits. Should the Examiner find any impediment to allowance of the pending claims that

could be clarified by a telephone interview, the Examiner is respectfully requested to initiate such with the undersigned.

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